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Attention is drawn to the details and Order form for this year's Christmas Cards and the 1957 T.O.C.H. Diary, printed at the end of this issue. Last year the entire stock of Christmas Cards and Diaries was quickly sold out and to avoid possible disappointment readers are urged to send in their orders NOW.

Old House Reunion

Pilgrims to Talbot House, Poplaridge are invited to a Reunion being held at Talbot House, 42 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3 on Saturday, November 10 from 3.00 to 8.00 p.m. All friends of the Old House will be most welcome. For details please write to: Old House Reunion Secretary, T.O.C.H. Headquarters.

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DOWN ON THE FARM. Members from Louth District visiting Messrs. Raymond Caudwell's piggeries at North Cotes where they were introduced to modern methods of pig production.

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OUT OF OBSCURITY

" . . . and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness."—Isaiah, 29, v. 18.

TO GIVE BACK SIGHT to a blind man is the exciting possibility held out by the modern ophthalmic development known as corneal grafting. This is an operation to transfer the cornea, the clear transparent covering of the front of the eye, to someone else whose own cornea has become opaque as the result of injury or disease.

The problem of obtaining corneae in sufficient quantities for this operation is a pressing one and the Corneal Grafting Act, 1952, makes it possible to use for this purpose the eyes of people after their death provided they have agreed to this being done.

Recent references made by the Founder Padre to the possibility of helping to relieve the present shortage of these all-important corneae have aroused wide interest and the concern of many members.

To provide further details we asked the Ministry of Health for information on certain specific points and here are the questions raised together with their response :

- Q. *Is it aimed to establish an "eye bank" or is direct transference made from the deceased donor to the blind patient?*
- A. It is not intended to establish a central eye bank. Each of the limited number of hospitals which do corneal grafting hold, if they can, a small stock for their own use. The principal hospitals doing this work in the South of England are Moorfields and East Grinstead.
- Q. *Does either extreme old age or defective sight make any appreciable difference?*
- A. Age does not matter so long as the cornea are not diseased; neither does defective sight if it is due to errors of refraction and not to disease.
- Q. *What is the present approximate number of blind people who would be likely to benefit from the operation?*
- A. No estimate available.
- Q. *What is the proportion of operations successfully performed since the Corneal Grafting Act, 1952?*
- A. No information available centrally.
- Q. *Is the scheme within reach of anyone attended by a General Practitioner in any part of Britain, or is it only practicable in the cities and towns?*

- A. It is essential that the eyes of a donor should be removed by a doctor with ophthalmic training and within a matter of hours after death. If the donor dies in hospital no special difficulty should arise. Where a donor dies at home, the family should consult the doctor in attendance. He will inform the nearest hospital and every effort is then made to carry out the donor's wishes. But it should be realised that in remoter country districts it may not always be possible for a hospital to find the staff to send to the home of the donor in time.
- Q. *Have details already been circulated to all medical practitioners?*
- A. The medical journals gave details of the Corneal Grafting Act, 1952, and, of course, carry reports from time to time of developments in this field of surgery, thus enabling medical practitioners to keep themselves informed.

It will be seen that the scheme for corneal grafting is in its infancy, but in view of what has been achieved in the fields of leprosy and blood-transfusion by Toc H men and women, it is likely that many of them will wish to take an active share in this project. Some Branches of the Toc H Women's Association have already become active about it and this seems a clear case for men's and women's co-operation at Branch level.

With so much depending on local facilities, which are bound to vary considerably, a uniform and nation-wide scheme is not at present visualised and it is suggested that the initial step should take the form of finding out from a local doctor, or the nearest hospital, the resources and requirements of the particular locality.

Wherever it has been ascertained that volunteers will be welcomed, anyone who wishes his eyes to be used to help others in this way can make a simple signed statement: "I (full name) request that after my death my eyes should be used for therapeutic purposes." He should also see that a copy of this statement is held by his relatives and, if he has nominated one, his executor. (N.B. It is not sufficient to include this bequest in a Will.)

When this has been established, it may well be found possible to further this beneficent work not only through members' own donations of corneae but also from a wider public who, once informed of the need, will certainly not be slow to respond. As further information and advice becomes available we hope to publish it in the JOURNAL and meanwhile any Branch requiring further advice can write to Alec Churcher, Service Secretary, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1.

THIRTY THOUSAND VISITORS

by NOEL J. CARTWRIGHT

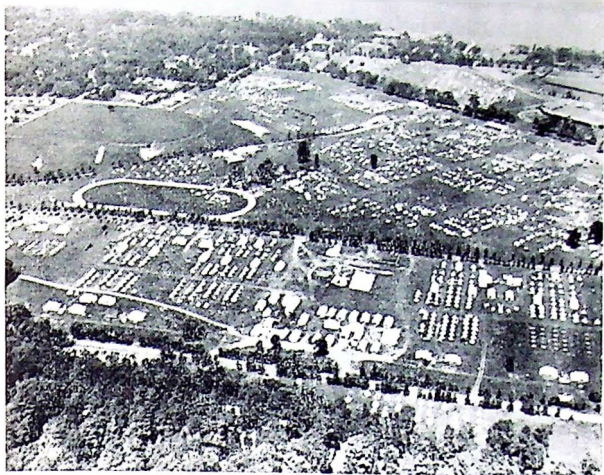
NEXT YEAR, to be precise. August 1-12, 1957, 'we' shall be holding in this country the greatest youth rally of all times—the Jubilee Jamboree. I said we because you and I are, in a broader sense, joint hosts with the scouts of this country to the 30,000 boys who are coming from distant shores—but more about that later. First of all let me tell you something about the Jubilee Jamboree itself. Two of the main purposes of this ninth Jamboree will be to proclaim the Fiftieth Year of Scouting (1907-1957) and to celebrate the centenary of the birth of its Founder, Lord Baden Powell (1857).

Heart of England

The celebrations, incorporating a World Scout Jamboree, a World Scouters Indaba and a World Rover Moot will be held in the very heart of England—in Sutton Park, Warwickshire. This park comprises some 2,400-odd acres of wooded and moorland country and has 75 acres of water—in total a very well chosen site for such a gathering. History tells us that it was presented to Sutton Coldfield by Henry VIII in 1528, and the inclusion of a Tudor Rose in the coat of arms of Sutton Coldfield is an allusion to this fact. This tudor rose, combined with the fleur-de-lis of the Scouts badge, is the chosen emblem of the Jubilee Jamboree.

No ordinary job

The total number of scouts who will be 'resident' for the full period is estimated at 35,000 and about 1,000,000 visitors are expected. Planning for such a family is no ordinary job, and work is already forging ahead in preparing about two-thirds of the park for a township with all the amenities of a small town. There will be a shopping centre, camp market, arena, exhibitions, theatre, hospital and dental facilities and a press camp, etc. The estimated capacity of the arena grandstand is 5,000. There will be a Jubilee Jamboree newspaper with an estimated publication of 35,000 copies daily and a daily delivery of mail estimated at 20,000 packets. The



An aerial view of the World Boy Scout Jamboree held in Canada last year. The mile-square camp held some 7,000 tents, many of them in wooded areas. In the distance are the Niagara river and the United States border.

estimated daily consumption of milk is 5,000 gallons and of bread 20,000 loaves.

Arrangements are also in hand to enable the scout visitors to see something of our country during their stay here. Tours are being planned accordingly. These tours will be taking place both before and after the Camp itself as some of the contingents will be in this country for some months. The campers will go on short one-day excursions during the Jamboree to see the nearby countryside and to meet the local scouts. Accommodation is another large-scale item. Many boys will be here two or maybe three weeks before and after the Jamboree and the Scouting Association is looking after this angle. Applications for private accommodation are already being received and up to July last, sixty-four countries had applied for reservations for 30,000 scouts. It is interesting to note that according to the 1955 Scout Census, Scouting was

established in fifty foreign countries and forty-seven countries of the British Commonwealth and Empire—with a total of 6,500,000 scouts.

Toc H and associations of all sorts are being approached to help in many directions. May I make a few suggestions to you? Start *now* by inviting the local scouts and rovers to a Branch meeting, discuss local shortcomings, compare welfare activities and service in general. Your help may be greatly appreciated in connection with the Jamboree. There may be some scouts from distant lands in or near your vicinity, and an offer to show them round may be greatly appreciated.

Providing accommodation

Accommodation is another problem! The visiting scouts are being looked after by the Boy Scouts Association. Other visitors and the 1,000-odd ground staff have also to be accommodated. Here again you can offer help in whichever part of the country you live. A week or two before and after the Jamboree scouts will be located all over the British Isles and they will want to see all the sights. Surely a grand opportunity to offer your services to the local scouts. The Branches near to Sutton Park are earnestly asked to help in the providing of accommodation for the ground staff and for other visitors, i.e., Scoutmasters, relatives and friends of the scouts. They will be hearing more of this, but meanwhile why not jot down the names and addresses of possible approaches. Branches local to the places appearing on the itineraries of the various tours will be approached to help by supplying guides. Here is a chance to learn a foreign language!—and it is remarkable how soon one can 'converse' with someone whose language you do not know. Make up your mind to have a go!

Personal invitation

Now—a suggestion which is a little different and more personal. Give your local Scouting Association the opportunity to pass on to one or two visiting boys an invitation to go to your home for a meal. Many of the boys will be under canvas in various parts of the country before and after the Jamboree and invitations may be very very welcome. Then those who are accommodating boys for a few days in your district may also be quite happy to share the honour. Do spare a few minutes to talk about these things—and don't stop at talking—remember, actions speak louder than words.

MULTUM || MUCH IN PARVO || IN LITTLE

☞ TUBBY is visiting the United States and will be returning via Eastern Canada in mid-December.

☞ The last of the fifteen POWER CONFERENCES will be held on October 13-14 at Swanwick, Derbyshire ; October 20-21 at Folkestone, Kent; November 3-4 at Gilsland, Cumberland, and November 17-18 at Moreton Paddox, Warwickshire. For their three members' places, Branches not so far represented should apply at once to their Area Secretaries.

☞ The STOCK EXCHANGE DRAMATIC AND OPERATIC SOCIETY has offered Toc H the proceeds of a performance of Agatha Christie's play "Witness for the Prosecution", at the Scala Theatre, London, on Wednesday, November 28.

☞ SYDNEY SWAIN, ex-Chairman and present Pilot of Wolverton Branch, has recruited fifty-nine new Toc H Builders since March. Some of them are former members and we give them all a warm welcome.

☞ Those GENERAL MEMBERS who are unable to assess their personal contribution to the Family Purse at a higher figure are asked to note that, from November 1, the *minimum* amount of the membership subscription payable each year will be £1, including the Toc H JOURNAL, or 10s. without it.

☞ Notice of the above is contained in the revised form of APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP which will be brought into general use on November 1.

☞ Now is the time when letters to be read at observances of the WORLD CHAIN OF LIGHT on December 11 and 12 should be written and exchanged.

☞ The FINANCIAL YEAR of Toc H ends on October 31.

Notes on the Family Purse

Here are some details of recent gifts

1. THE MARKS. One member has signed a Deed of Covenant for £143 p.a. net, which will bring into the Family a total of £1,750 over the next seven years to be spent on Marks equipment.

2. LEGACIES received this year.

	£
J. C. Ronald. Salcombe.	200
Mrs. Margaret Powell, Staplefield, (balance of a total legacy of £4,500).	163
T. H. Haslam, Claythorpe, Notts.	100
A. G. Austin, Member, Ruislip.	50
W. H. N. White, London Member.	1,609
Mrs. Agneta Horne, late Hon. Treasurer Toc H Women's Association.	50
H. S. Ghosley, Member, Evesham.	500
M. E. Cottam, Member, Blackburn.	150
Mrs. Mary Jane Harpur, Hessle.	1,000
Miss C. M. R. Radcliffe, London.	1,805

It is interesting to note that legacies from members of Toc H so far this year total £2,359, whilst those from other friends total £3,268. Incidentally, it would help us in our plans if those members who have already provided for a final gift to Toc H in their Wills would be kind enough to send a confidential letter about it to the Finance Secretary at Toc H H.Q.

3. VOLUNTARY REDUCTIONS in Staff Salaries and Staff subscriptions under Deed of Covenant total £870 p.a.

4. GIFTS FROM OVERSEAS towards Home expenses total £85.

5. MEMBERS DEEDS OF COVENANT. There are now 543 Members Deeds ("Internal Combustion") and 14 Branch Member Deeds accounting together for a total annual income of over £3,000 compared with £2,185 last year. Four members have started a private drive to encourage others to tackle the financial and staffing problem seriously; two have signed Deeds for £50 each net (a total of £87 each with tax) and two deeds for £20 each (a total of £35 with tax). All members in a position to do likewise are invited to write to Stanley Berwick, the Hon. Treasurer, at Toc H H.Q. about this scheme.

6. Having shared our good news we must also share our bad news, and disturbing news it is.

Our outgo is at the rate of £5.075 a month and our income has averaged £3.560 a month up to July 31. The gap of £10.501 shown in last month's JOURNAL increased to £13.631 by the end of July. *August and September are notoriously low income months. October will have to be specially good this year or we shall start the next year with the crippling handicap of a debit balance.

J.H.

* These notes have to be in the printers hands before 31st August.

MAKING KNOWN

by COLIN WINTLE

Toc H Press Adviser

"IF we want people to follow us, we must be *seen* to be going somewhere." The words are John Callf's, spoken to a big audience, and I jotted them down on the back of an envelope with a feeling of admiration strongly laced with envy. Admiration, because he had distilled into fifteen short and simple words the essence of the task of public relations; and envy, because I would have liked to claim the epigram as my own!

Mutual understanding

My job in Toc H is called Press Adviser. The title was carefully chosen in order to avoid the pomposity of Public Relations Counsel (a tag adored by big corporations); to skate away from the word 'publicity', which so many folk are apt to interpret as merely vulgar ballyhoo; and to side-step a title involving the use of the expression 'officer', because some tender skins might wince under an auto-suggestion that they would be the victims of officiousness. So Press Adviser it was, but of course there's more to it than sitting around and dishing out lordly advice. It is, in effect, a public relations job, according to the accepted definition of that work as being the deliberate, planned and sustained effort to establish and

maintain mutual understanding between an organisation and its public.

The main task which the Central Executive had in mind when I was appointed in January, 1954, was that of explaining Toc H to the public through articles in the press; of informing people about the Movement as it is today; of correcting fallacious impressions; and of generally endeavouring to create a climate of opinion propitious for the extension to others of the Toc H way of life.

Viewed panoramically, the assignment was a gigantic one, for Toc H's 'public' is really no less than the whole of Christendom. However, the Central Executive decided that without seven-league boots and corporeal immortality their Press Adviser (while being on tap to '47' for events and problems with nation-wide implications) should concentrate his attentions for the first year on those parts of Christendom which coincide with the Oxford and Thames Valley and the Western Areas. In 1955 my topographical concentration was on Kent and Sussex and the Southern Areas; and this year it is West Midlands and Manchester.

Two prongs

In broad terms, there are two prongs in this work, and two stages in which it is carried out. One prong is directed towards members, to meet them at least once at an Area Executive, then at a series of District Teams, for what amounts to an exercise in domestic relations; to tell them about my job and how I tackle it; to provoke thought and questions; to suggest to them how they can themselves establish good relations with their own local press on day-to-day matters; and to extract from them—the men on the spot—what is laconically known as 'the local dope', because without a generous seasoning of local facts, an article explaining Toc H in general would of course be unacceptable to the editorial palate.

Some time later (for it is very rare to leave a Team meeting fully equipped to tackle the press with a proposal) the second prong comes into operation—press relations itself. This second stage involves calling personally on editors or senior editorial staff and negotiating with them for the publication of an article. There is a variety of reasons why they should not agree, ranging from the old chestnut of shortage of space to the more ingenious objection that "there are eighteen volun-

tary do-good societies in my circulation area, and if I published this stuff on Toc H I should get 'em all baying at me for similar treatment."

It is the essence of the technique of press relations to ensure that there are far better reasons why editors *should* accept. Members have frequently given me introductions to editors and other contacts, and these have been most valuable as ice-breakers. The purely journalistic 'old boy basis' has its uses for the same reason, for it is an obvious advantage to tackle a man as one journalist to another. But success or failure depends ultimately upon being able to equate the publicity requirement of Toc H with the reader-interest requirement of the particular newspaper. I have not yet met an editor who is anti-Toc H, and almost all of them have been most kindly disposed—although many are themselves as ignorant about our more profound purposes as the public which we hope to address through their columns, in spite of the fact that a Branch may have been operating just around the corner for a generation! But, since newspapers are commercial concerns, the duty of editors is to their proprietors and readers. Their criterion is therefore "does this justify publication in my newspaper?"; not "Toc H is a jolly good show, so let's give it a break."

Judicious publicity

This brief review cannot pretend to be more than a sketch of the main job which I am trying to do for Toc H. When I started, I was warned that I might encounter resistance to the very idea that the Movement should be publicised, and perhaps downright opposition to the vulgar device of calling in a professional—even if he were operating under the innocuous title of Press Adviser. Frankly, I like opposition because it sharpens the mind, and I was mildly disappointed at encountering none except for a few trivial criticisms on points of detail. My experience among members—individuals and groups—during the past two-and-a-half years convinces me that almost without exception they regard this campaign of judicious publicity as just what in fact it is, and what it was intended to be: the projection of Toc H as a method of propagating not the Movement itself, but the ideas and values for which it stands, and making known the direction in which, under God, it is going. And they realise that "if we want people to follow us, we must be *seen* to be going somewhere."



Boxing as Recreation

by D. G. OBEYESEKERE

The writer, a member of Colombo Branch, is a former Captain of Cambridge University Boxing Club and a Judge at the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne.

BOXING is a very old sport. The twenty-third Greek Olympiad held in 688 B.C. had it. Later in the forty-first Olympiad a class for boys was introduced. There were no classifications by weight: soft leather straps were used to wrap round the boxer's hands and forearms for their protection. In the subsequent Roman period the weighted caestus consisting of leather straps loaded with metal studs rendered the sport very brutal.

Queensberry Rules

Modern boxing originated in England. In the 18th century, Jack Broughton formulated in writing the then prevalent rules of the London Prize Ring. Under those rules of boxing a round of boxing lasted till one boxer fell down. Then half a minute was allowed as an interval. A boxer who failed to toe the scratch (a line at the centre of the ring) at the end of this interval lost the bout. The boxing was with bare knuckles, though Broughton introduced the use of muffers round the fists during practice among his pupils. The length of a round varied; and some boxers abused the rule by going down on flimsy causes, when tired, to get half-minute rests. In the latter half of the 19th century the Marquis of Queensberry appointed a committee presided over by Lord Lonsdale to revise the rules. The resulting Queensberry Rules fixed the duration of a round at three minutes and of an interval between rounds at one minute; if a knocked-down boxer failed to rise unassisted within ten seconds, he was deemed to have lost by a knock-out, and boxing gloves were to be used. Within a few years these rules were revised to limit the maximum duration of a bout to twenty rounds. Much later the maximum

duration of a bout was reduced to fifteen rounds in professional boxing and to six rounds in special contests in amateur boxing. In open amateur boxing tournaments a bout was reduced to three 3-minute rounds. Where there was no knock-out or disqualification, a bout was decided in favour of the contestant who had gained more points.

The use of boxing gloves enabled boxers to hit with less fear of injury to their hands and also at parts of the body previously avoided as likely to harm bare knuckles. The reduction in the duration of a bout increased the importance of skill and speed in boxing over mere endurance and stamina, a difference corresponding to that between a half-mile race and a marathon race in athletics. The brutal aspects of boxing were further reduced by rules prohibiting punches to the kidneys and the back of the neck and also the pivot punch. Holding, using the heel or inside of the glove, gouging with the thumb, using elbows or forearms or backhand blows for striking, butting, shouldering and leaning on an opponent were also forbidden. A referee now has the power to stop a bout if one boxer is outclassed and severely punished.

Self-reliance developed

Proficiency in boxing demands good balance and co-ordination of mind and body, quick decision, pluck and self-reliance which breed self-respect. A boxer has to think and act quickly to forestall his opponent's action or to keep him guessing. He has to keep his temper well under control and not rush on, mad with anger, leaving himself open to be knocked out. As opportunities and openings occur momentarily, he must be quick to take advantage of them. Many a contest has been won by plucky perseverance till the opportunity occurs to turn the tide of defeat to victory by successful punching at the proper time and place. The sport develops self-reliance since during the bout the contestant is a lone unit, fighting his battle alone during the rounds.

Boxing requires superb physical fitness. If one is unfit, in boxing one suffers much more usually than in other games such as tennis or badminton. To be fighting fit, a boxer has to know himself and to train himself with the assistance of sparring partners. The discipline and perseverance of many weeks of training are required in preparation for a contest. Unlike cricket, the necessary daily exercise in boxing takes a comparatively short time and leaves ample time to spare for other pursuits. Sometimes in boxing as in life, a person

receives adverse decisions with which he may not agree, but he has to learn how accept them cheerfully.

Those who consider boxing a barbarous activity with the dominant intention being to injure an opponent can seldom be persuaded to practise boxing before condemning it, or to see the vast numbers of amateur boxers who have greatly benefited from it. Fencing they may tolerate but not the brutal sport of boxing which they regard as legalised murder. A person who has never boxed will readily agree with their view that the idea of a closed fist coming into hard snappy contact with a soft nose is barbaric and no fun at all. But the manly amateur boxers who have the guts to learn the art of boxing do derive considerable fun from its practice. The will to win fairly rather than to injure is the dominant intent in amateur boxing. The incidence of actual serious injuries is far less frequent than in such sports as rugby football.

Risk of injuries

The possibility of a serious permanent injury to the brain is the most serious objection to boxing. Every knock-down blow does not cause such permanent injury. A slight tap on the tip of the chin of some individuals renders them groggy and unable to stay erect, just as some persons are more prone to sea-sickness than others. If the inability to stay erect has been caused by the shaking up of the semi-circular canals in the head by the blow, then within a short time they will be able to stay erect again without having suffered any permanent damage to the brain. But where a boxer is dropped by a blow to the head causing concussion, there is a possibility of some damage to the brain in certain cases. In a few rare cases, sub-dural haemorrhage may be caused resulting in death. The British Medical Association to whom the question was referred in 1948 stated that its Physical Medicine Group Committee nevertheless considered boxing an excellent sport for school-boys provided there was adequate supervision. Skilled instructors are very necessary to prevent damage at the beginner's stage before sufficient skill is acquired and to see that youngsters are evenly matched without great differences in age or weight or skill.

Formerly more damage was caused to the head by the bang on the floor than by the knock-out punch, and this was minimised by the new rule requiring a felt of $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thickness under the canvas covering the floor of the ring. Damage to

the brain was further minimised by the other new rule that a boxer knocked down should not be permitted to box till one month has elapsed thereafter. As the brutal dangers in boxing are thus reduced, the sport of boxing is increasing in popularity as may be judged by the increasing number of entries from various countries at the modern Olympic Games. If the system of scoring points in boxing can be made more uniform and objective than in the past few Olympic Games, boxing will increase in popularity even more rapidly in this militant world. As boys will fight, whether you like it or not, it is as well to provide healthy outlets for such propensities in gloved boxing which is far less dangerous than fighting with instruments of crippling damaging power without a referee and rules to prevent excessive damage.

BRANCH BANNERS

XXV DATCHET

Contributed by ALFRED HINE



THE BANNER of Datchet Branch was designed by Eddie Rowbotham and executed by W. G. Kingswell, who was at one time associated with Macdonald and Eric Gill in their work.

The design represents the River Thames, with the Buckingham (or any other Thames-side, for that matter) Swan floating thereon. The Bridge commemorates the ancient Datchet bridge which now no longer exists. The correct heraldic description, I believe, is: "Barry wavy azure and argent, with bridge or on field vert. Swan proper."

The Branch are indebted to the *Slough, Windsor & Eton Express*, for the photograph reproduced here.

The Elder Brethren

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them*

BOWMAN.—Suddenly on August 13, ERNEST REGINALD BOWMAN, aged 40, a founder member of Tadley-Aldermaston Group. Elected 11.6.'56.

BROWN.—On July 11, HENRY JAMES BROWN, aged 80, a founder member of Canterbury Branch. Elected 16.5.'35.

CRIBB.—On July 30, ROBERT WILLIAM EDMUND CRIBB, ('Bob'), aged 80, a founder member of Wimborne Branch. Elected March '23.

DAVIES.—In July, EDWARD DAVIES, aged 78, a member of Penarth Branch. Elected 21.1.'38.

DRAKE.—On August 15, WILLIAM DRAKE, aged 83, a member of Leigh-on-Sea Branch. Elected 13.2.'51.

FORMAN.—On June 30, ALBERT FORMAN, aged 59, a founder member of Harrow Branch. Elected 3.7.'28.

GALL.—On August 22, JOHN GALL, a member of Farlington Branch. Elected 13.8.'42.

MACMILLAN.—On August 15, the Rt. Rev. JOHN VICTOR MACMILLAN, O.B.E., D.D., aged 75, a founder member of Canterbury Branch. Elected 1.7.'20.

MANSFIELD.—In January, HERBERT WILLIAM MANSFIELD, aged 77, a member of the Central General Members' Branch. Elected 4.7.'46.

PICKERING.—On May 11, WILLIAM HENRY PICKERING, aged 56, a member of Maidstone Branch. Elected 17.7.'51.

ROSSER.—On June 26, PHILIP ROSSER, aged 67, a member of Briton Ferry Branch. Elected 17.4.'34.

STANDON.—On August 14, GEORGE STANDON, aged 61, a member of Sidcup Branch. Elected 16.6.'48.

TAYLOR.—On August 7, HERBERT TAYLOR, aged 49, a member of Saughall Branch. Elected 3.1.'52.

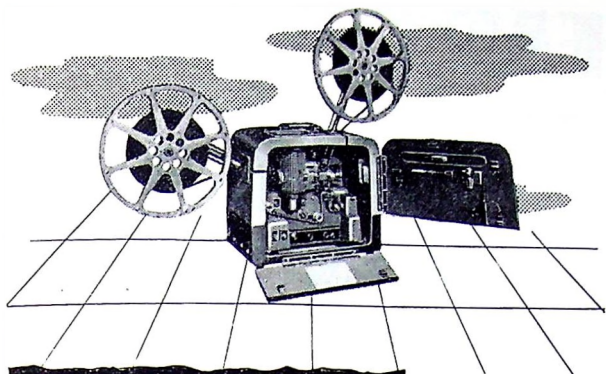
WOOD.—On August 10, ROLAND WOOD, aged 74, a former Chairman of Wood Green Branch. Elected 6.3.'48.

WYNN.—On August 12, the Rev. Dr. HAROLD EDWARD WYNN, Bishop of Ely, aged 67, a member of East Anglia Area General Members' Branch. Elected 1.1.'23.

ST. GEORGE'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, YPRES

The patronal festival service was held in St. George's Memorial Church, Ypres, on the eve of St. George's Day, and a wreath was laid by the Consul-General in memory of the late Earl Haig on the 30th anniversary of his taking command of the British Expeditionary Force. Wreaths were laid also by representatives of the Queen's Royal Regiment and the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment.

The service was conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. J. S. Fowler and an inspiring address was given by the Bishop of Fulham, Dr. R. W. Stopford. At a reception in the afternoon the guests were received by the Bishop, who hoped the Association of the Friends of St. George's Memorial Church would become well established.



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Contributed by GEOFF MARTIN, Overseas Secretary

RHODESIAN RECORDS

THE IDEA of broadcasting football commentaries to hospitals, sponsored by several Branches in Britain, is being adapted to the circumstances of Southern Rhodesia. There Toc H in Bulawayo and Salisbury have inaugurated a gramophone record request programme, relayed through the hospital's internal broadcasting system. Bulawayo began it. Patients, their friends and the nurses can ask for a special record, and members of the public can also have a record played for someone in the hospital by sending their request to Toc H. About £200 worth of equipment has been lent to Toc H by one Bulawayo radio firm and another firm supplies the records. The hospital authorities co-operate willingly, and the patients themselves are enthusiastic.

Now Salisbury Branch have taken it up, and the *Bulawayo Chronicle* of June 6 has this to say about the scheme:

An ambitious scheme run by the Salisbury men's branch of Toc H is a record programme at the European hospital. Members have rigged up a proper broadcasting studio at the hospital and patients can listen in through their earphones to music from 5.30 to 6 every evening, except Saturdays, and for an hour on Sundays. This does not interfere with Young Rhodesia as the children's wards have their own radio set.

So successful is the venture that last week two firms in town promised to give four new records a week so that a library can be built up. At present most of the records are second-hand and the choice is limited.

A PERSONAL MATTER

For our vigil at the World Chain of Light last December I arranged for the 24th hour and undertook to write to Abraham Ordia, at Toc H Lagos, Nigeria. Christmas greetings came from Abraham with promise of a letter to follow. Later a budget of periodicals were received with accounts of the Queen's visit to Nigeria clearly indicating what a thrill it was for all the people there.

On Sunday morning, July 8 in my accustomed place in our Church Choir we were singing the Jubilate "O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands" when a short pencilled note was passed

to me saying—a pen-friend from Lagos was in the North Porch and would like to see me—he could only spare a short while.

What a meeting! Abraham himself had driven out from London to find me and make contact. We had a wonderful time together—he managed to stay for a meal and see all the family and needless to say we exchanged Toc H news. It was a wonderful experience of fellowship and we are eagerly awaiting his return visit when his training is over and prior to his return to Switzerland.

I am sure this is one of the worth-while things arising from the Vigil and should like to know that other members in various parts of the world have shared this experience.

DICKY BIRD.

(Tunbridge Wells Branch)

A LAYMAN GOES EAST

Captain Alfred Aley ('Ack Ack') of the Slip, Westerham, Kent, was for many years well known for his work among boys in Hammersmith and was one of the early members of the Branch there. For the last five years he has been working with the Anglican Mission in Samarai, Papua, in the Territory of New Guinea. He is now home on leave and has sent us a fascinating account of this little-known part of the mission field. He will be here for most of the Winter, and is willing to speak to Branches, asking only his travelling expenses and a possible contribution to the Mission's funds. The ex-



The writer in his tropical garden

tracts printed below afford only the merest glimpse of the whole story. Incidentally, the Administrator of the Government of Papua and New Guinea is Brigadier Don Cleland, formerly leader of Toc H in Western Australia, where he originated the World Chain of Light.

... Some people have no idea what a Mission Field is like. In Papua it is virgin country. Bush. Jungle. Mountain Rivers. The rivers after tropical rain, almost swallow up the adventurer trying to cross, and he or she may be maimed by the big boulders that are

carried down by the raging torrent — and it is a raging torrent. On one journey, the river has to be crossed thirty times. In fact the river is the main road — there are no others. . . . A Mission Station is not just an isolated affair, for it has in its area many smaller stations to administer. Take for instance the Cathedral Station. This has sixteen out-stations under its care, and the country being mountainous, it means many hours of hard going before the Priest, or the Nurse, or the Teacher, arrives on the job. . . . The shortest trip is within an hour, and the longest takes three days. Remembering the tropical weather, and in some places, pathways that simply cling to the mountain side, it is wonderful that those on patrol are able to carry on with the job on arrival — but they do. . . .

The medical side of the Mission plays a very important part in the Church's effort to produce a sound mind in a sound body. The Base hospitals are well equipped to deal with all cases, and at the Dogura one, there are about 2,000 treatments a week. . . .

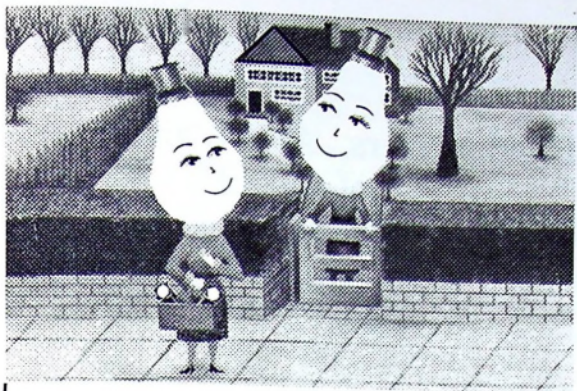
One case may be of interest. Boys were in a tree hunting a Flying Fox and a spear fell and pierced the abdomen of a boy below. The spear was a big hunting one—a stout steel spike with a barb, attached to an eight foot shaft. The barb and six inches of the spike were in the boy's abdomen. Nobody had thought of detaching the wooden shaft, so the boy was walked a half mile uphill to our hospital, with a boy on each arm, and another supporting the shaft, in front of him. At the hospital, the eight foot shaft was removed, and was dramatically broken into small pieces and thrown down the hill with many threatening words by the relatives. The Sister operated and was amazed to find that no vital organs were damaged. The boy was very lucky, and soon got over the operation, and is now a member of the crew of one of our Mission boats. . . .



Farewell to the medical orderlies in Samarai


On one occasion it fell to my lot to mend a butterfly's wing. It was a large butterfly that had settled on a plant by the Mission House. One wing was bent double and there were other defects, so I procured some nail varnish, straightened the wing, put on several applications of the stuff, and after many twitches by the butterfly, put him back on the plant. I repeated the operation later, and after three hours he flew out of my hand, circled my head, and alighted on the near-by mango tree. . . .

I spent five happy years of employment in the Mission Field, and because of that I suppose I've left my heart out there with my Brown friends, the Papuans, in their green and pleasant land, and who knows? I might go back (next year) and see if my heart is still there.



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by J. W. JACKSON

NESTLING by the waters of a lake in a secluded valley on the borders of Leicestershire and Derbyshire, stands one of the stately homes of England, which fortunately has been preserved from the fate of so many great country houses, and whatever its glories have been in the past, now appears to be entering upon a still more glorious future in the service of suffering humanity.

Staunton Harold Hall, the seat of the Ferrers family, with traditions going back to the Conqueror, was commandeered by the War Office in 1939. During the next seven years it was occupied first by the Army and later by prisoners-of-war. The conclusion of hostilities found it in almost a derelict condition. The house and grounds had suffered extensive damage and although compensation was offered by the Government on condition that the Hall was re-occupied, the difficulties of staffing and rising costs made it impossible for the Ferrers family to return there.

Formidable difficulties

Upon the death of Earl Ferrers in 1944, the estate had to be sold to pay Death Duties, and though it was purchased for demolition its fate was still in the balance through a temporary Preservation Order, when Group Captain Cheshire became interested, and in spite of all the difficulties, saw the Hall as a Home for the relief of the sick and suffering. Though it was ideal for his purpose, the difficulties to be overcome were formidable—to find the purchase price and to undertake the restoration of the building seemed an almost impossible task.

It was at this stage that the local Branch of Toc H in the neighbouring town of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, hearing the rumours of Group Captain Cheshire's interest, got in touch with him and offered any help they could give in furthering his project. There were other indications of interest and sympathy from friends in the Midlands, and a timely offer of an interest-free loan of £1,000 from a previous benefactor to the Cheshire Foundation, made it possible for him to make the venture of faith and complete negotiations for its purchase.

When the Group Captain took possession the state of the

mansion was almost beyond hope of renovation ; scarcely a room in the place was habitable : the roof leaked badly ; doors and windows broken, and everywhere the evidence of damage and destruction which inevitably followed from its occupation, first by soldiers, and later by Italian prisoners of war.

However, the foundation of a group of Friends of Staunton, by the local Toc H Branch and Rotary members, stimulated



Staunton Harold Hall and Church, from a drawing by J. P. Friend in 1897

interest in the venture, and very soon gifts of furniture, bedding, lamps, food and working equipment, began to pour in from the surrounding district, while parties of willing volunteers, both men and women, have given time and effort to the cleaning and painting of the House. The members of Ashby Toc H have by their initial action and their own contribution of service, done much to focus local interest, and direct sympathy to the further support of the project.

A local Management Committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Home, the appointment of staff and the admission of patients. Serving on the committee are three representatives of the medical services, and representatives of Toc H, the British Legion and other societies. A member of Toc H is chairman of the committee, which meets monthly, and which works in close conjunction with the Central Committee of the Friends of Staunton, which again is representa-

tive of all supporting organisations in the area, and here again Toc H provides the chairman and secretary. Their main function is to foster interest and raise funds for present and future needs.

Already the Home has ten patients. It is intended to be a Home where patients who are chronically sick or incurable can live full lives in 'real' atmosphere of care and attention given by a qualified and devoted nursing staff. It should be emphasised that the 'Family' relationship is the guiding spirit of the Cheshire Homes and while these Homes are entirely undenominational in character, they are a remarkable venture of faith in these days of materialism, and a shining example of Christian service to the sick and suffering.

In these days of the Welfare State, some critics may say that such homes are unnecessary or, if necessary, should be provided by the State. The 'Cheshire Homes' however, provide a 'family' life rather than an institutional existence for just that type of case, which, while not requiring complete medical and surgical treatment as given in our Hospitals, their accommodation in these Homes may possibly relieve the demand for Hospital beds for more urgent cases. Applications for admission are beyond the present capacity of the Home, but the eventual number of patients will be determined by the response the public make to the speedy renovation of Staunton Harold Hall, and their generosity in maintaining it.

MEET THE STARS

by TOM WINTERFLOOD

I HAVE KNOWN for some time of the considerable efforts by many members of Toc H to bring extra entertainment to those unfortunates in hospitals, all over Great Britain, by means of closed circuit broadcasts. This type of hospital entertainment has been the main project of my own voluntary organisation since it was formed two years ago. At that time I gave regular weekly closed circuit broadcasts of recordings in one London Hospital. It proved a great success, and very soon I was asked to play the shows at several other hospitals. Since that time, this weekly service to hospitals has grown and spread in such a way, that now, "Meet The Stars"

recorded programmes are heard each week in no fewer than fifty-two hospitals in England and Northern Ireland.

We do this work, like all your members, voluntarily, and because we like doing it. We have the full facilities to record at some ten London theatres, including the London Palladium. It is of course the interviews and the stage shows which we record at these theatres which make up our "Meet The Stars" programme. In addition, there are several other types of recorded programmes which we make for hospitals. These include "Disc Shows", "Belinda Calls", "Sports Scoop", a monthly sports magazine programme introduced and presented by Mr. Desmond Hackett of the *Daily Express*.

New programme

At the present time we are doing our best to start a new fortnightly programme which we shall call "The Nation-wide Hospitals Request Record Programme". This is a programme in which we would like to have as many hospitals as is possible taking part.

We have the facilities, and the equipment, to make the recordings each week, and we feel sure, that you will agree, that while we are playing or having these weekly programmes played in fifty-two hospitals, it would be a very fine thing if we could have these shows played in a hundred or even two hundred hospitals.

During the past year, we have, in our "Meet The Stars" programmes, brought to the hospitals, in their own exclusive shows the following stars of show business:—

Danny Kaye	Jimmy Young	Patric Doonan
Guy Mitchell	Harry Dawson	Norman Wisdom
Rosemary Clooney	The Beverley Sisters	Ruby Murray
Eddie Fisher	Teddy Johnson	Slim Whitman
Don Cornell	Pearl Carr	Ray Martin
Larry Parks	The Glamazons	Billie Anthony
Betty Garrett	Jimmy Parkinson	Dorothy Squires
Fernando Lamas	Ronnie Harris	Dick Emery
Edmundo Ros & Orch.	Victor Silvester & Orch.	Bernard Spear
Charlie Chester	The Radio Revellers	and so many more.

Should any of your members, who are, like us, making closed circuit broadcasts to hospitals regularly in their own particular towns or districts, like to use our recordings each week, so that these shows can be shared by all the hospital patients, then we would be sincerely pleased to keep them supplied with a new show each week.

The only thing we ask any of your members who would like to help us in this matter and broadcast our shows each week, is that they send us a new tape, with speed instruction. This can be a travelling tape, going backwards and forwards each week with a new show. Further details can be had by writing to: E. H. Winterflood, 69 Aldworth Road, Stratford, London, E.15.

Who's Who ON THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE

CHARLES SCHOFIELD

First made contact through Mark XIV, as a schoolboy in 1926. Later became a Marksman and today belongs to a Branch attached to a Mark. An engineer by profession, his job brings him into contact with all sections of the industry in many places where he takes full advantage of the opportunity to study industrial relationships at first hand. Has held various Branch, District and Area offices in the Movement and was a member of the Central Executive 1953-55. Keenly interested in walking, gardening and sport and in the latter tries, as an old Union player, to be a bridge-builder by commentating over the Hospitals circuit on League Rugby.



JOHN VICTOR BEAN

One of the "second generation" of Toc H, Padre John Bean grew up in a family atmosphere of Toc H. Became a member at sixteen, and was Jobmaster in the Retford group. War service in the Royal Navy. Returned to Cambridge after the war, and was University Correspondent. Did two short spells as Tubby's A.D.C. Ordained in 1950, and worked for five years in a large parish in Portsmouth. Away from close Toc H activity for a time owing to parish commitments, but later Portsmouth Hon. District Padre. Member of the Central Executive 1955-56. Now assistant curate in the rapidly growing parish of Fareham near Portsmouth.





FROM ALL PARTS DIRECT from AREAS



SUSSEX—Creative Jobmastery in a Welfare State? Where are the jobs? Members of **Bognor Regis** recently decided to find out—amongst other things—just where they could be most useful in helping local aged people who are living alone. Their method was a Public Opinion Survey. Armed with a questionnaire they had prepared, they called singly on local residents picked at random from the 'Voters' List. Results so far, and the survey has not yet been completed, are fourfold. (1) A not inconsiderable list of old folk who are living very lonely lives. (2) A number of the people called on readily offered to assist in any future project for helping the aged. (3) A new awareness on the part of Branch members of the fact that if they are to find means for giving creative service they must go out after it. (They also discovered what fun it was too!) (4) Some likely new members amongst those with whom they talked. Good stuff this, which could well provide the sort of stimulus some Branches need at the present time.

CYRIL CATTELL.

EAST MIDLANDS—To help in providing the cost of taking entertainments to **Bretby Hospital**, **Swadlincote** Branch organised a very successful exhibition of Arts, Crafts, Hobbies and Pastimes. **Measham** Branch have sponsored the formation of a local Old Peoples Club and secured suitable premises, while **Packington** and **Far Cotton** Branches have both arranged parties for Evergreen Clubs. The **Melton** District recently visited a local dairy to see cheese in the making. After over three years as its Warden, Peter Gibb has left **Mark XI** for London. We wish him well and record our thanks for a good job.

COLIN STEVENSON.

NORTHERN—Successful Garden Fetes, in spite of the weather, were held by **Hetton le Hole**, **Penshaw**, **Houghton le Spring** Branches and a combined one by the **Wearside** District.

A happy evening on the occasion of the presentation of a Lamp to **Durham City** Branch by Tom Spear, **Wearside** District Secretary.

Our thoughts to Tom Spalding, a member of **Washington** Branch, who is a patient in **Woolsingham** Hospital. Get well soon, Tom.

Chester le Street Branch provided a stall at a Fete in aid of the Hospital League of Friends.

Mark XVIII. After five years of service as Warden, Wilf. Youngs has now resigned and taken up a 'flat' of his own. Thanks Wilf and best wishes in your new job at **Wallsend**.

Salthurn by Sea. The Old Folks of this resort have used the **Toc H** Branch room as their Club for many years. They have now a 'home' of their own, with one or two **Toc H** members serving on the Committee.

Hetton le Hole Branch have adopted a child under the **B.E.L.R.A.** scheme.

CHARLES YOUNG.

BEDS. & HERTS.—Sick and elderly people will benefit from recent efforts on the part of **Wolverton** Branch members who have raised over £180 for that purpose in recent months. The Family Purse will benefit by a still further increase in the number of local Builders, which now stands at 135.

The Dean of **St. Albans** conducted a short service, attended by members of the local Branch, when they "laid up" their Lamp in **St. Albans Abbey** for the holiday period. In a suitable setting, this will be on view to the many visitors who view the abbey every day.

FRANK FIGG.

SOUTHERN—"For a morally uplifting, if physically exhausting, experience, try being a temporary 'Uncle' to twenty-four Birmingham boys for a week," say two **Christchurch** members and three from **S. Birmingham**, who have had some, and are now back at work for a rest! The occasion was the annual Seaside Holiday Camp at **Bournemouth** organised by **S. Wessex District** in conjunction with **South Birmingham**, with copious help from **East Dorset**. Accent was on beach parties, varied by steamer and motor-boat trips, a car convoy, and visits to local ice and aqua shows. The party was accommodated in a Church School, and the wife of a member coped with the cooking.

JACK OSBORNE.

SOUTH WESTERN—The group at **Barnstaple** received their Rushlight a few weeks ago and are making good progress; already **Toc H** is becoming known in the town.

With the coming of Autumn our winter jobs including the Football Broadcasts in **Plymouth** have got off to a good start, and already several 'Special Efforts' are in the offing. One for nearby Branches to note is **Torquay's** **Toc H** Ball at the Grand Hotel, **Torquay**, which it is hoped will take place on October 26th. It is hoped that all possible support from nearby Branches will be forthcoming—a good time is guaranteed for all!

GILBERT FRANCIS.

WESTERN—**Shurdington** Branch members held their annual Old People's outing—a coach trip and tea, and brought back presents for those old folks who were unable to join in the outing.

Purton Branch "Let their Light so shine" inspired members to noble efforts in window cleaning at their village church with good results.

FRED. BROOKER.

WESTERN LONDON—Assisted by the Women's Branch, **Putney Park** at a Garden Fete in June, raised half the cost needed for switching their silent film unit to sound. £100 was required. The Fete was opened by Mr. Geoffrey Johnson Smith, L.C.C., the well-known interviewer in television's 'Highlight'. The Branch also helped in the organisation of another Fete held by **Putney Park Lodge L.C.C.** Home for elderly people.

Wembley Branch assisted with the transport and electrical arrangements at a garden fete in July in aid of the **Wembley Eventide Homes**.

Harrow Branch, for the eighth year in succession, has been participating in the scheme organised by **Brighton** Branch to provide a week's stay there for needy children. Twelve children were sent this year, bringing to 108 the total of children sent by the Branch.

SAM EVANS.

WEST MIDLANDS—**Droitwich** Branch has been responsible for opening a recreation room for the residents of St. John's Almshouses and recently held a garden party to raise funds to provide a television set for them.

Sports at the Mere Children's Home, Norton were organised by **Stourbridge** and a coach load of **Wenvoe** members and friends visited Stourbridge and also had tea provided by **Lye** Branch at their hall.

The annual Garden Party at Restwood Sanatorium was again arranged by **South Worcestershire** District in co-operation with the staff and men and women from local Branches helped with the side-shows and games.

The annual Rally of **North Warwickshire** District was this year held in the grounds of Knowle Hill School, Kenilworth.

A collection for the Midland Society for the Blind, organised by **Stratford-on-Avon** Branch raised the sum of £113. **BOB PURDY.**

OXFORD & THAMES VALLEY—Extension is very much in the minds of Branch Members and District Teams. **Wokingham** Branch have worked with great integrity in **Bracknell** which is going to be one of those enormous 'new towns'. We are looking forward to having Iain Fraser to speak in Bracknell on November 20th. Iain will also be speaking, on November 21, in the New Housing Estates by Slough—when ground-work for the meeting will have been done by the **Slough** District. Iain's first meeting, however, will be on November 19, in Newbury—for the **Newbury** District, with the leadership, in this respect, of George Foster and the **East Woodhay** Branch, are determined to start a unit in their 'name-town' which has not had a Branch for six or seven years. The **Reading** District, and particularly the **South Reading** Branch under the leadership of Wilf. Adkins, have laid sound plans for extensions at **Arborfield**.

OLIVER WILKINSON.

YORKSHIRE—**Goole** have recently bought a tape-recorder and patients at the local hospital are now able to have their favourite records played back to them. **Scarborough** held a Barbecue on the sands in September and followed it with a Dance.

Congratulations to **Oatlands**, (Harrowgate) Branch who received their Lamp in July and to **Thornton-le-Moor** Branch who received theirs in August. A new group has commenced meeting at **Sowerby**, near Halifax.

JOHN MADDOCK.

S. and S.E. LONDON—**Charlton** Branch took thirty cripples by coach to Hastings for the day in July. They were met there by the Chairman and Secretary of the **Hastings** Branch, who made the arrangements at that end.

In July, **Eltham** Branch took local blind and disabled to the New Theatre, Bromley to see the play "Bell Book and Candle". The Branch held a jumble sale for the blind people of the district, and raised £27. They have also commended Toc H Singapore to parents of sons doing their National Service there.

Downe Branch have entertained a party of elderly folk from Camberwell.

Nearly fifty deaf and blind people from South London attended an annual party given by **Streatham** Branch. Several members of the Branch 'spoke' to the guests by means of pawji—a touch language.

SAM EVANS.

EASTERN LONDON—Over 600 people attended, in July, a barbecue at the Pier Head, Southend. Ben Oakley provided the music and Southend Branch in Western dress provided the entertainment. The proceeds of competitions and sideshows were for the Film Unit, and for their new scheme of sending football commentaries to the Southend and Rochford General Hospitals. The S.E. Essex District is endeavouring to raise sufficient funds to buy the necessary equipment.

Highams Park have been running week-end camps for boys at their new camp site at Debden Green. About a dozen boys attended each camp, the first batch coming from St. Hilda's East Settlement, Bethnal Green.

NOTTS. & DERBY—The **Derby Boys Camp** for lads who would not otherwise have a holiday was again held at Osmaston Lodge, near Ashbourne, when 100 boys each week were under canvas during the last week in July and the first in August. The second party had to be delayed for forty-eight hours while floods were coped with! In spite of this a happy time was had by all. Garden Parties at **Bingham** and **Derby** were both successful, the latter clearing nearly £100. **Long Eaton** Branch organised a local cricket match on August Bank Holiday Tuesday on the lovely ground at Trent College in aid of their old people's outings. Best wishes to **West Bridgford** on securing recognition as a Branch. A brief but welcome contact was made with Abraham Ordia, Secretary of Toc H, Lagos, Nigeria, during a short visit to **Nottingham**.

LINCS.—**Quadrang**. The annual outing was a visit to Alton Towers. Members took part in the amusements and viewed the gardens, returning home at 10 p.m.

Bourne are doing good work with their Film Projector bought by the Branch. The local Hospital and other charitable organisations are being given entertainment by members.

Scarthoe. Proceeds from a Garden Party organised by Toc H Scarthoe in the grounds of Springfield Hospital, Grimsby, will help furnish the new Chapel to be built there. One of the features was a recording stall at which visitors could record messages and tune requests to be played back to relatives in hospital.

Laceby held a colourful Garden Fete at the Rectory which raised £71 for the Gay Companions outing, the Boy's Camp, and Toc H Funds. Col. J. Kennington introduced the opener, Mrs. W. Lawson.

Caistor new Branch helped out at a Fete at **Grasby & Searby** and a request for help in starting Toc H there has been answered by the arrangement of an Autumn Meeting. A Toc H Dance at Caistor has raised £18 for Branch efforts.

KENT—They are not 'active' as we generally interpret the word, yet what activity of thought and cheerfulness is to be found in their company. They are not 'out on the job' as we understand it, but what a lesson in true Fellowship is to be learned from them. "We hope to increase our membership during the next few months sufficiently to be recognised as a Branch". So said the Secretary of the group, a man who has layed flat on his back in a hospital bed for twenty years. Since then three new members have been initiated. Who are these men? The **Linton Hospital** group, mostly patients, some hospital staff. Started, and regularly visited by **Maidstone** Branch, this group typifies all that is best in Toc H. **CYRIL CATTELL**.

EAST ANGLIA—The group at **Sudbury** has been recognised as a Branch and will shortly receive 'The Bradshaw Lamp', originally held by a former Branch in the town.

Rumour has it that there was no lack of members willing to act as Judges in selecting a 'Midsummer Queen' at a Dance organised by **Saffron Walden Branch**, proceeds from which were donated to increasing facilities for local backward children.

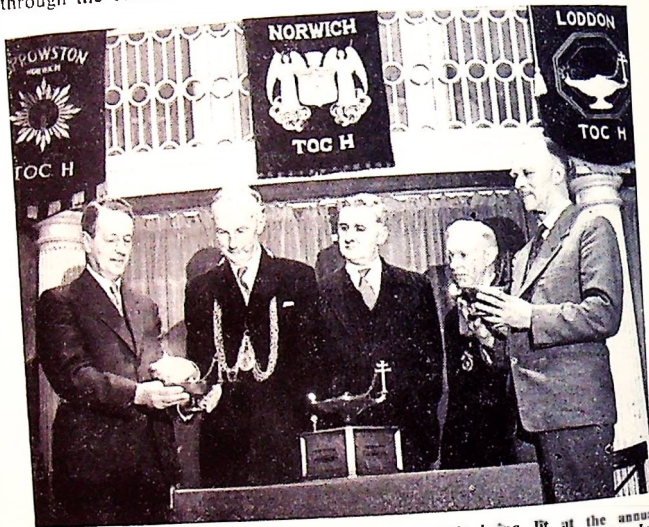
Hoveton & Wroxham Branch arranged an evening cruise round the Norfolk Broads and were accompanied by members from nearby Branches. "Light" being taken when the party was on **Wroxham Broad**.

The B.B.C. recorded part of the Concert arranged for Stockmen and Showyard Workers at the Royal Norfolk Show. The 'Toc H Rest Tent & All-Night Canteen' at the Suffolk County and Royal Norfolk Shows continues to increase in usefulness and opportunity.

Some 120 members attended an Evening Gathering arranged by **Mid-Norfolk District** at **Castle Acre Priory**. In the impressive setting of the ruined Priory, **Bishop Pat Leonard** handed over 'The Holland Lamp' to the custody of **Fakenham Branch** and later addressed the members.

News from seaside Branches reports a busy time this year arranging for parties of Physically Handicapped, the Blind, Deaf & Dumb, Old People and Children from various Homes. Ten Branches have given a total of over 800 Old People a day by the sea or a tour through the countryside.

REG. SMITH.



The new Lamp of the Hoveton & Wroxham Branch being lit at the annual meeting of the Norwich District by the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Dr. Ian Dickson, a Toc H builder, and brother of Brian Dickson.

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OPEN HUSTINGS

The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H. For reasons of space the right is reserved to shorten letters submitted, and every effort is made to print a representative selection from those received.

Danish Goodwill

LAST YEAR you published a letter from Mr K. B. Villadsen, of Copenhagen, inviting Toc H members to get in touch with him when visiting Denmark. I thought you would like to know that, as a result, I recently visited him and his wife and family in their flat and summer house, and was made extremely welcome at very short notice. Mr Villadsen, who is *kordegn* (which about equals the position of the parish clerk in days gone by in our country) of the Trinity Church in Copenhagen, makes it his particular job in Toc H to offer friendship and hospitality to visiting members of the Movement. I hope others will make themselves known to him and be able to experience the warm Danish goodwill of himself and his family at 19 Frederiksbrogade, Copenhagen.

P. J. CHANDLER.

*North Baddesley Vicarage,
Southampton.*

'The Undefeated'

A FEW days ago I was at a meeting of my Branch at Denton. The programme said "Family Night"; but when I arrived there were several notable absentees from the usual circle. I was told that on Family Nights it was the usual practice for chaps to get hair cuts two by

two, and so keep a fair number at the meeting all the time. Well we carried on until every member was back in his seat, and then the most important part of the night's business was carried out. This turned out to be the initiation of a new member. I've seen many such ceremonies in my time, but never one so moving as this. When one considers that this unit is almost entirely composed of physically disabled men,—well, it makes yer fink. Since joining this Branch, I have had far more enjoyable evenings with a laugh a minute than ever before. It has been an eye-opener to me to see how these chaps enjoy their Toc H meetings to the full, and nothing that needs arguing about, or discussing misses their attention. What a crowd of good chaps they are. The name of the unit, "The Searchlight Cripples Workshops".

A. NEWBOY.

Telscombe Cliffs, Sussex.

'Going Overseas?'

THE opening sentence of the *Far Cry* article in the April JOURNAL contains some very good advice for such as I, indeed it served me many times. Through that little green folder, *Going Overseas?*, I was to link up with Toc H'ers in Singapore, Hong Kong, Sydney, Melbourne, Newcastle, Wellington and Auckland.

In Singapore Branch I found a fellowship, before not known to me; that of close relationships with men of other races, black, yellow and others. What a wonderful atmosphere reigns at Talbot House there in Singapore, and how grateful to Bob and Toc H I am, for all that I found in what turned out to be for me, a tour round nearly half the world. No matter where I went, and there was Toc H, there was someone to greet me, a great brotherhood indeed, and how it emphasised to me the strength of such friendship.

TOM BRUSHWOOD.

Portsmouth, Hants.

Good Neighbours

WHEN attending the General Meeting of "All Hallows Company of Good Neighbours", I was surprised to learn that its membership numbered only 411, and that this number included only three men's and two women's Branches. I feel that, perhaps, it had not been clearly pointed out in the past that all Branches and all members, both men and women, of Toc H have the privilege of becoming "Good Neighbours" of their Guild Church.

I therefore make this suggestion that all Branches and as many members as possible should join; and my earnest wish is that, before the next meeting in May, 1957, the total will have reached four figures and the income from this source for All Hallows will have largely increased. The minimum annual subscription is 2s. 6d. and application should be made, together with cheque or postal order to the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. D. C. Stevens, at All Hallows Porchroom, Byward Street, London, E.C.3. JOHN R. ENGLAND.
Bath, Somerset.

Companionship

THE December, 1955, issue of the JOURNAL included a very admirable article by Barclay Baron relative to the booklet which I had distributed to every elderly person in Salford, as a simple comprehensive guide as to the availability of services.

The local Branch of Toc H have co-operated excellently with my overall Voluntary Organisation known as the City of Salford Companionship Circle for Elderly, and I felt you might be interested to have the enclosed Press cutting from the *Salford City Reporter* of August 10, which reflects credit on your representative to the Executive Committee of the Companionship Circle, who always so cheerfully undertakes the tasks allocated to him which undoubtedly bring joy and happiness to old folk in need, and beyond their reach from statutory sources.

J. ROBERTS,

Director of Civic Welfare,
Civic Welfare Offices,
Salford.

TOC H TO THE RESCUE

An elderly couple who have lived on the Height all their lives were not able to cut their privet hedge as they are both invalids.

It grew so high that it was keeping the light out of their front room. They offered children half-a-crown each to cut it . . . but the youngsters refused.

In despair they wrote to the Director Civic Welfare for Salford, Mr. J. Roberts, who passed the request on to the Toc H. Within a few days a member of the Toc H arrived at the house, and, despite the pouring rain, he cut the hedge.

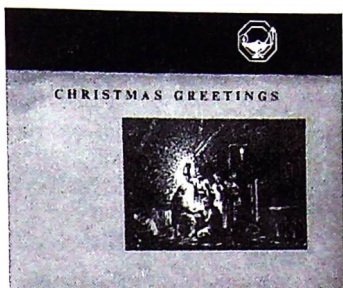
After a lively chat which cheered up the elderly couple he left, declining to give his name but promising to return after his holidays.

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